SENATE BILL No. 498

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 27-8-15-33.

Synopsis: Small group health insurance. Provides that the minimum participation and contribution requirements that a small employer insurer may include in an offer of coverage may apply only to eligible employees who are not otherwise insured.

Effective: July 1, 2002.

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January 14, 2002, read first time and referred to Committee on Insurance and Financial Institutions.





Second Regular Session 112th General Assembly (2002)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 27-8-15-33 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 33. (a) If a small
employer insurer offers coverage under a health insurance plan to a
small employer, the small employer insurer shall provide the employe
coverage under the plan for:

- (1) all eligible employees of the small employer; and
- (2) the dependents of all eligible employees of the small employer.
- (b) Except as provided in section 29 of this chapter with respect to late enrollees, a small employer insurer shall not limit the insurer's provision of coverage to:
 - (1) certain individuals in a small employer group; or
 - (2) a part of a small employer group.
- (c) This section does not prohibit an eligible employee from declining coverage under this section.
- (d) Nothing in this chapter prohibits a small employer insurer from including minimum participation and contribution requirements

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